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SUBJECT: CURRENT GATT ISSUES

AMB. YEUTTER (US DEPUTY STR) DISCUSSED FULL RANGE
CURRENT GATT ISSUES WITH GATT DG LONG AND DEPUTY DG
PATTERSON OCT. 28. HIGHLIGHTS AS FOLLOWS: (MTN
DELEGATION SENDDING SEPTTEL ON MTN ASPECTS.).

(A) GATT CONTRACTING PARTY SESSION, NOV. 22-23. LONG
EXPECTS ROUTINE MEETING WHICH SHOULD BE LIMITED TO MONDAY
AFTERNOON AND TUESDAY ALTHOUGH CARRYOVER TO WEDNESDAY
WOULD BE POSSIBLE IF NECESSARY. IN ADDITION TO DISCUSSION
REPORT OF COUNCIL COVERING CATALOG OF COUNCIL ACTIONS
SINCE LAST CP SESSION, HE EXPECTS SERIES OF BRIEF TRADE
POLICY STATEMENTS FROM CP REPS. NOTE: MISSION WILL
PREPARE AND TRANSMIT LIST OF POINTS FOR RECOMMENDED
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INCLUSION IN U.S. STATEMENT. CONCERNING NEXT YEAR'S

OFFICERS, LONG INDICATED THERE SEEMED TO BE UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT THAT MACIEL (BRAZIL) WOULD MOVE UP TO CHAIRMAN OF CPS AND DEGREER (SWEDEN) WILL BECOME NEW COUNCIL CHAIRMAN.

(B) TEXTILES. LONG EXPRESSED GREAT PLEASURE THAT TSB HAD REACHED UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT ON REPORT. YEUTTER NOTED THAT GUNDELACH TOLD US THAT HE EXPECTED EC WOULD IN END GO ALONG WITH SIMPLE EXTENSION OF MFA ALTHOUGH THERE IS STRONG PRESSURE BY SOME MEMBER COUNTRIES FOR RESTRICTIVE MODIFICATIONS. LONG NOTED THAT MAJORITY OF LDCS SEEMED PREPARED TO SUPPORT SIMPLE EXTENSION ALTHOUGH PAKISTAN AND MEXICO WERE NOTABLE EXCEPTIONS. HE CONSIDERED PAKISTANIS MOTIVATED BY CONTINUING RESENTMENT OVER THEIR BILATERAL CONTROVERSY WITH EC AND WAY EC HAD "MISLED" THEM. MEXICO'S OBJECTIONS WERE MORE IDEOLOGICAL AND PERHAPS MORE INTRACTABLE.

(C) DISC PANEL. IN RESPONSE TO OUR QUESTION, PATTERSON EXPRESSED VIEW DISC PANEL REPORT WOULD BE TABLED NEXT WEEK. HE DID NOT VOLUNTEER ANY INFORMATION ON LIKELY CONTENT.

(D) G-18. YEUTTER EXPRESSED VIEW THAT ALTHOUGH G-18 HAD ON WHOLE BEEN USEFUL HE DID NOT EXPECT WASHINGTON WOULD BE WILLING TO INSTITUTIONALIZE GROUP ON PERMANENT BASIS AFTER ONLY SUCH BRIEF EXPERIENCE. HE EXPECTED EC WOULD HAVE SAME POSITION. LONG EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT, ARGUED THAT PUTTING GROUP ON PERMANENT BASIS IMPORTANT FOR GATT-IMF RELATIONSHIP. HE SAID IMF WOULD OTHERWISE CONSIDER GATT AS UNCERTAIN PARTNER. LONG ALSO EXPRESSED REGRET AT "BIG POWERS" (US, EC, JAPAN) GANGING UP TO BLOCK MAJORITY DESIRE. DURING DISCUSSION HE ALSO INDICATED THAT HE HAS ASKED HIS SPECIAL ASSISTANT, PASIN, TO PREPARE PAPER ON GATT-IMF RELATIONSHIP, PRESUMABLY AS BASIS FOR DISCUSSION AT SUBSEQUENT G-18 MEETING. CONCERNING EC OPPOSITION TO CG 18 MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS, YEUTTER AND LONG AGREED THAT ONE DEVICE TO OVERCOME PROBLEM IN FUTURE MIGHT BE FOR DG TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL ON HIS OWN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RESPONSIBILITY ON BASIS OF DISCUSSIONS IN G-18.

(E) MIPS AND NFDM PANELS. PATTERSON INDICATED SECRETARIAT HAD NOT YET RECEIVED REACTION FROM EC TO MRS. BRECKENRIDGE (SRI LANKA) AS FINAL MEMBER MIPS PANEL. HE SAID HE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF THEY TURNED HER DOWN AND SECRETARIAT WOULD HAVE TO LOOK FOR FRESH CANDIDATE. YEUTTER EXPRESSED IMPORTANCE OF PROMPT

ESTABLISHMENT OF NFDM PANEL, EVEN THROUGH EC SCHEME
BEING DISCONTINUED OCTOBER 31. YEUTTER ALSO REITERATED
THAT ANY EC ACTION AFFECTING US SOYBEAN BINDING
(OILSEED TAX) WOULD MEET STRONG AND PROMPT US REACTION.

(F) US BEEF ACTION. PATERSON NOTED THAT IN SAFEGUARDS
GROUP US HAD BEEN STRESSING IMPORTANCE OF PROMPT
NOTIFICATION OF IMPORT RESTRICTIVE ACTIONS,
BUT HAD NOT YET NOTIFIED OUR ACTION ON BEEF. YEUTTER
UNDERTOOK TO REMIND WASHINGTON OF THIS DELINQUENCY,
AND URGE PROMPT NEGOTIATION. CATTO

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